



Update for Senator Nelson

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DESERET TEST CENTER

1962-1973

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- Joint Center for Operational Chemical and Biological Warfare Testing - Project 112 / SHAD
- 134 Tests Planned 46 Tests Conducted
62 Tests Cancelled 26 Tests Status TBD
- Fact sheets released on 42 of the 46 conducted tests
Names of those present during testing provided to VA
 - http://deploymentlink.osd.mil/current_issues/shad/shad_intro.shtml
 - <http://www.va.gov/shad/>



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Formerly Used Defense Site Program (FUDS)

- FUDS Program cleans up properties that were formerly owned, leased possessed, or operated by DoD
- Addresses:
 - Hazardous, Toxic, & Radioactive Waste (HTRW)
 - Unexploded Ordnance, Discarded Military Munitions, Chemical Warfare Materiel
 - Building Demolition & Debris Removal
- Florida FUDS Projects
 - 25 Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste Sites
 - 67 Ordnance Sites
 - 10 Potential Chemical Warfare Material Sites
 - Cost to Complete - \$479 Million for HTRW
 - Time Estimated to Complete Cleanup
 - 2020 – HTRW
 - TBD – Ordnance and Suspect CWM



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Formerly Used Defense Sites Program Chemical Warfare Material Sites in Florida

Florida Sites

Sites Of Interest

- Yeehaw Junction
- Avon Park
- Cape Canaveral
- Panama City
- Key West
- Fort Pierce
- Boca Raton

Other

(FUDS Suspect CWM Sites)

- Brooksville AAF
- Bushnell AAF
- Chassahowitzka Swamp
- Drew Army Airfield
- Ft. Jefferson Nat. Monument/
Dry Tortugas Keys
- Lakeland Army Airfield
- Orlando Army Airfield
- Withlacoochee AAF



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Sites of Interest

- **Yeehaw Junction**
 - Not yet determined to be eligible for the FUDS Program
 - Four killed TX trials and seven live agent trials were conducted
 - Information has been declassified by the SHADS 112 Project
 - Not considered to have human health effects
- **Avon Park Air Field**
 - Not yet determined to be eligible for FUDS Program
 - Gas chamber exercises, field trials using defoliants, & test spraying of anti-crop agent occurred on active bombing range
 - No residual CWM hazards found on FUDS
- **Cape Canaveral**
 - Biological test site identified (Cape Kennedy)
- **Panama City**
 - Biological test site identified
- **Key West**
 - Biological test site identified
- **Ft Pierce**
 - Biological test site identified
 - Suspect CWM site
- **Boca Raton**
 - Suspect CWM site



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- History
 - TX is the agent symbol for the fungus *Puccinia graminis* var. *tritici*, commonly known as stem rust of wheat.
 - Biological agent trials were conducted
- Actions Taken: Information has been declassified by the SHADS 112 Project
- Residual Hazard: This fungal species is toxic to plants, and therefore was considered a potential biological warfare agent directed against agricultural crops. It is not ordinarily considered to have either short-term or long-term human health effects.
- Future Actions: Records will be reviewed to determine eligibility for FUDS Program
- Community Involvement: Documents prepared by FUDS will be made available to regulators and the public.

Yehaw Junction



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Avon Park Airfield

- History

- Toxic gas yard
- Training area for gas chamber exercises
- Field trials using defoliants
- Test low volume and low altitude spraying of anti-crop agent

- Actions Taken

- 1996 Site visit and interviews with Okeechobee County sheriffs and owners, indicated that no ordnance nor explosives, other than the bomb scrap piles have ever been found on the FUDS sites

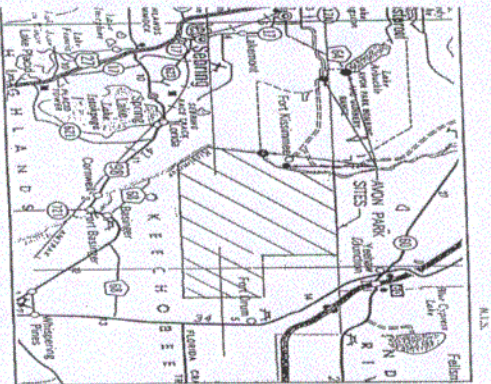
- Residual Hazards

- No CWM hazards identified on FUDS, may have unexploded ordnance

- Future Actions:

- Records will be reviewed to determine eligibility for FUDS Program (Includes classified material)
- Request Declassification

- Community Involvement: Documents prepared by FUDS will be made available to regulators and the public.





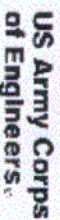
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CWM Scoping and Security Study

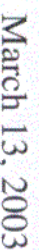
- Ensure Security Risk does not exist in terms of a source of CWM
- Ensure Safety Risk does not pose a threat prior to completing final action for this study
- Characterize/Research Sites sufficiently to prepare adequate estimated cost to complete for future response actions
- Re-evaluate No DoD Action Indicated (NDAI) properties in consultation with stakeholders
- Prioritize Sites for future Response Actions
- Take Emergency Action if Imminent Hazard is Found
- Timeline/Milestones
 - Begin Fieldwork Jun 03
 - Final Report Jun 05

FUDS CWM Sites In Florida

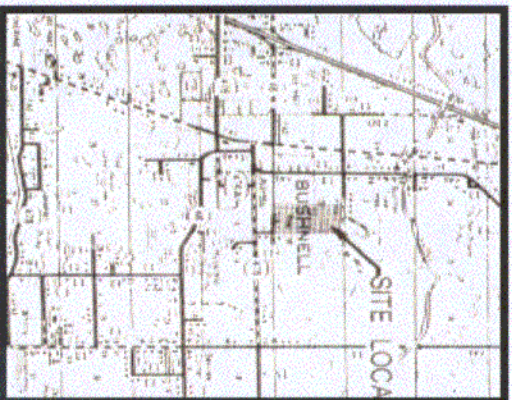
Records Review / Site Visit / Intrusive Investigation / Public Involvement	Brooksville
Records Review / Site Visit / Historical Research/ Public Involvement	Bushnell AAF Chassahowitzka Boca Raton Ft Jefferson Ft Pierce Lakeland AAF Orlando AAF Withacoochee AF
Record Review / Historical Research / Public Involvement	Drew Field
Total	10 Sites



- History
 - Drums (contents unknown) were burned and dumped
 - Leaking experimental mustard-filled munitions was removed from a box car (disposition unknown)
 - One 55-gallon drum of thickened mustard was disposed (undefined dumping method)
- Actions Taken
 - 1946 Chemical filled bombs were burned in a gasoline fire after chemicals splashed out and burned two people.
 - 1995 Site characterization by geophysical mapping
 - 1997 Evaluation of alternatives, removal started
 - 1998 Completed fencing to control access
- Residual Hazards –Buried drums may remain, but the risk to the public is lessened because of current land use
- Future Actions – Site investigations are planned in 2003
- Community Involvement - The documents will be provided to the regulators and the public.



Bushnell Army Airfield



- History : Testing did not take place at this location; munitions loading facilities only.
- Types of test run from this facility include:
 - Chemical munitions (bombs, shells, thermal generators, land mines, rocket heads, and spray tanks) tested for their dispersal efficiency
 - Determined the hazard of mustard-contaminated sand to assault troops
 - Tested insecticides, fungicides, and miticides
- Actions Taken:
 - 1993 Site survey by automobile, on foot and helicopter overflight. No intrusive activities or hazards were observed.
- Residual Hazards - None
- Future Actions – Records will be reviewed to confirm no CWM was buried at the site
- Community Involvement – Reports will be shared with the stakeholders



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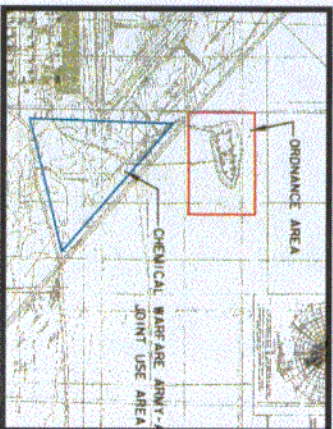
Chassahowitzka Swamp

- History
 - Appears probable that some chemical bombing did take place at this site
 - 3.5 sections of land to the west of the proposed bombing area used for vegetation defoliant testing
- Actions Taken: 1993 Site survey and interviews found no evidence of chemical warfare materiel (CWM)
- Residual Hazards - None
- Future Actions – Records will be reviewed to confirm no CWM was buried at the site.
- Community Involvement – Reports will be shared with the stakeholders



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Boca Raton



- History
 - Incendiary bomb demonstration (class exercise, no bombing target on site)
 - Gas chamber exercises
 - Gas identification test kits
 - October 1947, the base chemical officer had turned in all CWS materials
- Actions Taken
 - 1994 Site Visit and interviews with former installation personnel, current residents, and current employees of firms found no evidence of CWM or conventional ordnance.
- Residual Hazards: There are no known residual hazard thought to exist at the site.
- Future Actions: Declassify additional documents – Actions not dependent on classified material
- Community Involvement: Coordinate Findings with Stakeholders



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Ft. Jefferson Nat. Monument (Dry Tortugas Keys)

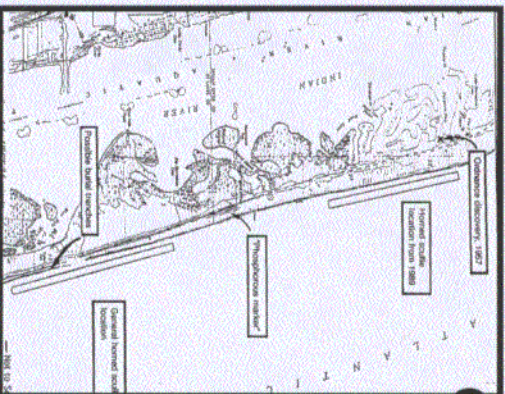


- History
 - 5-gallon land mines and other methods were used to spread mustard agent on the beaches
- Actions Taken
 - 1950 inspection detected no contamination
- Residual Hazards: The area where the mustard agent was tested has eroded and been replaced several times due to storms and currents in the Gulf of Mexico. No hazard exists from chemical warfare materiel Future Actions
- Community Involvement: Future documents will be shared with the regulators and a public meeting may be held



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Fort Pierce

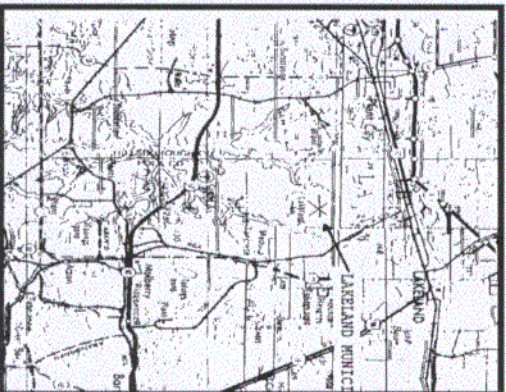


- History
 - The testing of the effectiveness of the mustard agent spread on the sand on South Hutchinson Island
- Actions Taken:
 - 1993 Site visit and interviews, no concerns were identified from chemical warfare materiel.
 - 1996 Action Memorandum for a conventional OEW project to implement use restrictions and public education
 - Several OE items have been removed
- Residual Hazards: No CWM hazards were found or reported at this site. There are ongoing ordnance projects.
- Future Actions: Further records review will be conducted to determine if CWM were used at the property.
- Community Involvement:
 - Action Memorandum was reviewed by the Florida Department of the Environment and several public meetings were held.
 - Future documents will be shared with the regulators and a public meeting will be held.



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Lakeland Army Airfield

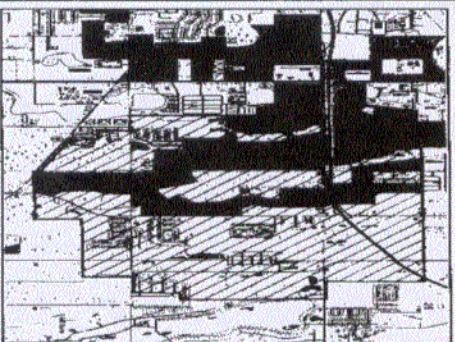


- History
 - Chemical warfare demonstration area that included various facilities for outdoor classes.
 - Chemical magazine was setup in the area of the Ordnance Dump
 - Use of 100 percent live mustard in training.
- Actions Taken:
 - 1993 Site visit and interviews, no environmental concerns were identified
- Residual Hazards: There does not appear to be any chemical warfare materiel or other munitions remaining
- Future Actions: Documentation to provide a no action alternative is currently being prepared
- Community Involvement: The documents will be provided to the regulators and the public. A public meeting will also be held



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Orlando Army Airfield



- History
 - toxic gas and decontamination yard
- Actions Taken
 - 1993 Site visit and interviews, no environmental concerns were identified
- Residual Hazards: None identified
- Future Actions: Further records review will be conducted to determine if CWM were used at the property.
- Community Involvement: Future documents will be shared with the regulators and a public meeting will be held



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Withlacoochee Airfield



- History
 - mustard-filled bombs dropped from aircraft
 - Experiments were conducted using mustard-filled 4.2-inch chemical mortar rounds and 7.2-inch rockets
- Actions Taken
 - 1950 clearance operation of chemical-filled items
 - Site visit and overflight of the entire area in 1993
 - 1994 Geo-physical mapping and surface sweeps.
- Residual Hazards
 - This area is believed to present a potential for the existence of CWM
 - Unless intrusive activities are undertaken, the risk is considered minimal
- Future Actions:
 - Record review and a determination if intrusive activities are required
 - Further intrusive investigation is not feasible at this time due to terrain
- Community Involvement: Draft plans will be shared with the regulators and a public meeting will be held

